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WORLD BANK AIDED COMMUNITY FOREST MANAGEMENT PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have launched community forest management projects in certain States with World Bank assistance;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government have received any proposals from certain States including Orissa to launch such projects with World Bank assistance in their respective areas;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken on each such proposals, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Government have recently launched the `Andhra Pradesh Community Forest Management Project` with an estimated project cost of Rs. 625.43 crores, with the assistance of the World Bank. The development objective of the project is to `reduce rural poverty through improved forest management with community participation`. The project has three main components, a) establishing an enabling environment for community forest management, b) forest management, and c) community development.

(c) to (e) The Government have received proposals for participatory forest management projects seeking World Bank assistance from the States of Madhya Pradesh, Chhatisgarh, Maharashtra and Jharkhand. These projects are designed to achieve improved forest management with people`s participation. The Government have posed these projects to the World Bank. No decision on these projects has been taken by the World Bank. The Government have also received a proposal from the State of Orissa for `Orissa Forestry Sector Development Project` seeking assistance from the Japan Bank for International Cooperation. The project has been referred back to the State for seeking certain clarifications.